



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

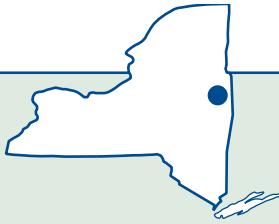
Fort Edward, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Fort Edward was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in eastern New York along the Hudson River, Fort Edward (population 5,892) was one of the largest cities in colonial America. Industry moved into the town in the 19th and 20th Centuries to take advantage of its location on the Hudson River, which was used to generate power and dispose of waste. Today, most of these industries have closed, leaving large tracts of abandoned or underutilized land. Many of the larger sites block access to the river, thereby thwarting attempts to bring recreational amenities to the community. There are also smaller brownfields, such as laundries and service stations, scattered throughout the residential neighborhoods of the town. Between 1990 and 2000, manufacturing employment in the town dropped by 50 percent



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Town of Fort Edward for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach, inventory sites outside of the New York State Opportunity area, perform up to eight Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop cleanup plans for sites around the town.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

and the town lost six percent of its population. Assessment and eventual cleanup of the town's brownfields will help eliminate the eyesores that have impacted the community's ability to attract investment to the area. The town plans to develop the larger abandoned sites along the river to include residential and commercial facilities and recreational greenspace.